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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30

1. SUMMARY. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP MET SEPTEMBER 30 TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS FOR THE NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. GROUP AGREED: (A) TO DRAFT, AFTER RECEIPT AND ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL, A COMPLETE PAPER OUTLINING THE BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. AS SUCH IT WILL:

(A) DESCRIBE WITH THE PRECISION THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND SWAPO, WHICH HAVE BEEN REALIZED IN THE COURSE OF THE FIVE'S DISCUSSIONS;

(B) CONTAIN A NEW WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE;

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(C) CONTAIN REASONABLE AND FAIR PROPOSALS FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL OTHER ISSUES. THIS PAPER WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEXT TALKS WITH SWAPO AND WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEM FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

(B) TO INVITE SWAPO TO NEW YORK FOR TALKS PREFERABLY STARTING OCTOBER 10 BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 12 (THE LATTER BEING A DATE TO WHICH SWAPO HAS ALREADY AGREED).

(C) TO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS IN NEW YORK EARLY IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 OF THE UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, THE FRONTLINE STATES (THOSE FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES), AND THE BUREAU OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.

(D) NOT TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN POSTPONEMENT AT THIS TIME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 17. END SUMMARY.

2. WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP MET AM SEPTEMBER 30 TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS FOR THE NAMIBIAN INITIATIVE. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT ITS PRIMARY TASK SHOULD NOW BE TO DRAFT, AFTER RECEIPT AND ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL PROPOSAL, A COMPLETE PAPER OUTLINING THE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT, BASED ON THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE FIVE HAVE HELD WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO. AS SUCH IT WILL:

(A) DESCRIBE WITH PRECISION THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND SWAPO, WHICH HAVE BEEN REALIZED IN THE COURSE OF THE FIVE'S DISCUSSIONS;

(B) CONTAIN A NEW WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE; AND

(C) CONTAIN REASONABLE AND FAIR PROPOSALS FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL OTHER ISSUES.

THIS PAPER WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR THE NEXT TALKS WITH SWAPO AND WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEM FOR THEIR APPROVAL. THE FIVE AGREED THAT THE HELP OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FRONTLINE STATES SHOULD DEFINITELY BE ENLISTED IN THE EFFORT TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SETTLEMENT PAPER. IN THIS REGARD, THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO MEET ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROPOSED PAPER. THE UNITED STATES WILL THEN CIRCULATE A FIRST DRAFT TO THE CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP FURTHER AGREED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION (SEPTEL) TO SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA TO MEET WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK FOR TALKS PREFERABLY STARTING OCTOBER 10 BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 12 (A DATE TO WHICH SWAPO HAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED INFORMALLY). THE CONTACT GROUP DID NOT DISCUSS ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

4. THE CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED THE NEED TO CONDUCT BRIEFINGS OF VARIOUS PARTIES ON THE LATEST ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE INITIAL EFFORT SHOULD BE TO BRIEF EARLY NEXT WEEK UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MARTTI AHTISAARI AND THOSE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONTLINE STATES AND NIGERIA PRESENT IN NEW YORK (FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES). THE

CONTACT GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO SET UP THESE BRIEFINGS FOR PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4. THE FRONTLINE STATES AND NIGERIA WILL BE BRIEFED AS A GROUP WITH ALL OF THE FIVE REPRESENTED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THE MEETING WITH THE FRONTLINE STATES' REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD PARTICULARLY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEFING AS WELL AS SEEKING THEIR ADVICE AND OPINION. CONTACT GROUP WILL NEXT ATTEMPT TO SET UP BRIEFING FOR PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, OF THE BUREAU OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. TALKING POINTS FOR USE IN THE ABOVE BRIEFINGS WILL BE DRAFTED BY THE CONTACT GROUP PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 FOR SUBMISSION TO CAPITALS. CONTACT GROUP WILL LATER DISCUSS THE CONDUCTING OF FURTHER BRIEFINGS.

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5. IN CONCLUSION CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED INITIAL TACTICS REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF THE NAMIBIAN ITEM BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 17. GROUP TOOK VIEW THAT THERE WAS NO NEED AT PRESENT TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A POSTPONEMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE OF THE MATTER. SUCH AN ATTEMPT AT THIS TIME WOULD ONLY RISK RAISING FALSE HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS. AS OUR PROPOSED TALKS WITH SWAPO PROGRESS, WE WILL RE-EVALUATE OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER. LEONARD

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